

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

SHELTON K. THORNTON

**INITIAL APPEARANCE/ARRAIGNMENT
AND PLEA MINUTES**

CASE NUMBER 25-CR-8

HONORABLE NANCY JOSEPH, presiding
Deputy Clerk: Ross M.
Hearing Held: May 5, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Court Reporter: Liberty
Hearing Began: 3:12 p.m.
Hearing Ended: 3:26 p.m.

Appearances:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA by: Katherine Halopka-Ivery
Shelton K. Thornton, in person, and by: John Bradley, William Grau
U.S. PROBATION OFFICE by: Joseph Werner
INTERPRETER: ☒ None ☐ Sworn

☐ CJA ☐ FDS ☒ RET

☒ Original Indictment ☐ Superseding Indictment ☐ Information ☐ Misdemeanor ☒ Felony

Speedy Trial Date: July 14, 2025
Final Pretrial Conf.: TO BET SET
Jury Trial Date: TO BE SET
Trial Length Estimate: 2 weeks

District Judge: J P Stadtmueller
Bond Judge: Nancy Joseph
Magistrate Judge: Stephen Dries
Motions Due: July 14, 2025
Responses Due: July 28, 2025
Replies Due: August 6, 2025

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant consents to proceed via video | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government to disclose grand jury materials one day prior to trial |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defendant advised of rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral Motion for Complex Designation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Court orders counsel appointed | <input type="checkbox"/> Granted <input type="checkbox"/> Denied |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defendant advised of charges, penalties, and fines | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Stephen Dries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of indictment received by defendant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case designated complex |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indictment read <input type="checkbox"/> defendant waives reading | <input type="checkbox"/> Counsel Only Scheduling Conference: |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not guilty plea entered by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> defendant <input type="checkbox"/> the court | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expanded discovery policy applies (<i>See Order below</i>) | |
| Discovery available: <u>already turned over</u> | before Magistrate Judge Stephen Dries |

Maximum Penalties:

Count 1 – INC: 20 years; FINE: \$1,000,000; SR: mandatory minimum 3 years-life; SA: \$100; Forfeiture Notice.

Bond Status:

☒ Defendant is released on: ☒ O/R bond ☒ *See Order Setting Conditions of Release*

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that as required by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5(f), the court **ORDERS** that the government must produce all exculpatory information to the defendant(s) as required by *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963) and its progeny. Failure to comply with this order in a timely manner may result in sanctions, including exclusion of evidence, adverse jury instructions, dismissal of charges and contempt proceedings